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In Brief . . .

Car demonstrates dangers of drunk driving

The message is vivid.

The mangled frame of a sports car, torn in half, by a violent collision, is a straight forward reminder of the hazards of driving under the influence of alcohol.

That's part of the message of the Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which began Sunday around the country.

The brown sportscar, which UM Health Service Officials said is the remains of a fatal car accident, is on display between the Mansfield Library and the UC.

UM is participating in the national event, sponsored locally by the Campus Ministries and the UM Drug and Alcohol Program.

Literature on alcohol abuse is being handed out in the dorms, fraternities, and sororities. Sponsors have set up a booth in the C and will be handing out literature on the new DUI laws, which affect many college students.

Additional information on events, including several workshops, and a poster contest, is available at the booth or through the sponsors.

UM's United Way drive starts today

UM's 1989-90 United Way campaign for faculty and staff begins today with a goal set at \$26,795.

The campaign begins at 10:35 a.m. with a training session in the UC Montana Rooms to teach all of the designated UM department United Way solicitors about the group's programs in Missoula, Don Simmons, UM's co-chairman of United Way, said.

The sessions will include speakers from organization around the community that are sponsored by United Way, he said.

The training session will be repeated at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday in the UC Montana Rooms.

The group will also have a canister in the UC next Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 23 and 24, for students interested in giving to United Way.

Last year UM's contribution was \$25,000 and Missoula County's contribution was more than \$718,600.



University of Montana Missoula, Montana
Tuesday October 17, 1989



FRESHMAN GLEN CAMERON (left), receives a New Testament Bible from Lyle Leischner of Missoula. Leischner, along with other Gideon's, was distributing the free books on campus Monday morning.

Photo by Jeff Davis

Easton to apply for Koch's position

By Lisa Meister
Kaimin Reporter

The president of Western Montana College in Dillon plans to apply to be the next UM president if UM President James Koch resigns in July, he said Monday.

"I think it's premature to speculate," Michael Easton said. "But I have very strong feelings for the university and a commitment to the state. It would be my intention to apply."

Easton became the president of Western three years ago, when the school merged with UM.

Prior to that, he was UM's vice president for university relations.

"It would be a dream come true to return to UM," he said.

Koch said last week that he expects to leave UM in July to assume the presidency of Old Dominion College in Norfolk, Va.

Koch would not suggest a candidate, saying, "It's something I plan to stay out of."

Regent Dennis Lind said the board will decide at its meeting Nov. 2-3 whether to conduct a national search to fill Koch's position and when that search would begin.

That decision might depend on a

"He has intimate knowledge of the people at UM . . . a close understanding of its problems."

-Lindsay Norman

recommendation from the recently appointed Governor's Commission for Higher Education in the Nine-

ties, Lind said.

The commission was selected by Gov. Stan Stephens to study the state's university system and make suggestions for program reductions or reorganizations.

The commission could request that the board postpone a search until it completes its study, Lind said. In that case, an interim president would be appointed.

Lind wouldn't name a potential candidate.

Lindsay Norman, the president of Montana Tech in Butte, gave his

See "Easton," pg. 12.

Public defender's remarks spark demonstration

By Roger Renville
for the Kaimin

A Friday afternoon panel discussion on rape led to a Monday morning confrontation between angry protestors and Missoula Public Defender Margaret Borg.

Borg was one of four invited speakers at a forum on date rape held at UM and sponsored by the Women's Place, a rape and battery counseling center in Missoula. Her comments, as reported Saturday morning in the Missoulian, were apparently taken by some people as a statement that some rape victims "ask for it."

"Reality is the Missoulian front page telling us we blew it," an angry

Deborah Thomas told a crowd of about 140 women Saturday evening. They had come to the UM Oval for the sixth annual "Take Back the Night" rally and march.

"To read that kind of implication in the local newspaper is deeply insulting," Thomas said. In retrospect, she said, the Women's Place owed women an apology for asking "someone whose job is to defend the rapists" to speak about rape.

After a march to the courthouse lawn Saturday and several more speeches about Borg's message, the marchers called for the Monday morning protest at Borg's office at 317 Woody St.

Borg arrived at work to find 16 angry women waiting for her. Some

of them wore very long or very short skirts to protest Borg's reported remarks about rape victims' attire.

In a hastily convened conference with the protestors, Borg told them that her remarks at the panel discussion had been quoted out of context.

"What you got (from the Missoulian story) was that women who are scantily dressed deserve to be raped," she said. "Nobody, but nobody, deserves to be a victim. But women need to be cognizant of the fact that they put themselves in jeopardy by doing certain things."

She said those things include going places with men the women

don't know well, drinking with those men and not telling men "no" in a persuasive manner.

"What I'm talking about is the reality as it exists today," Borg said.

Several of the protestors angrily retorted that her remarks were the same as those reported in the Missoulian and that Borg still showed a bias against the victims.

"We're walking in really muddy water when we start talking about what responsibilities women have to keep from getting raped," Thomas said.

Borg and the protestors ended the confrontation by agreeing to meet again in a forum where they could talk about what responsibilities men must bear in preventing rape.

Flag-burning law will spawn real patriotism

The House of Representatives last week passed by a huge margin a ban on the burning or defacing of the American flag.

It was a move brought on by the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision which overturned a Texas flag desecration law. At the same time, the decision upheld a person's First Amendment right to deface, burn or desecrate the United States flag in the name of free speech and peaceful protest.

Outraged by the court's decisions, Democrats and Republicans in Congress joined together to pass a law which states that anyone who "knowingly mutilates, defaces, physically defiles, burns, maintains on the floor or ground, or tramples upon any flag of the United States" is subjected to a fine of up to \$1,000 and one year in jail.

Americans should be outraged by Congress' decision. Not only is the law completely unconstitutional, it's a deliberate slap in the face of the Supreme Court judges who wrote the recent decision.

What the judges said in rendering their decision is that it is much more important to protect the rights of individuals than it is to protect a "symbol" of those rights.

Regardless of how people view the flag, it is nothing more than a symbol—a symbol of freedom and a symbol of our constitution. Included in that constitution is the right to dissent, the right to peacefully protest and the right to criticize the government.

What Congress had tried to do is protect the symbol at the

expense of the rights for which it stands. Fortunately, though, this law will never stand up in court since the constitution and the Supreme Court, not Congress, are the supreme law of the land.

But the nation's elected leaders may try to change that supreme law. The Senate is expected to vote on a constitutional amendment that would empower states and the federal government to pass similar anti-desecration statutes. Although it's still a long way off, this unconstitutional law could soon become part of the constitution.

What is extremely scary about this present law is the fact that it states it is illegal to desecrate "any" flag of the United States. It does not discriminate between "official" cloth flags, cheap plastic flags or crayon drawings of flags. It does not say that privately-owned flags, homemade flags used as bedspreads, or pencil sketches of flags are exempt.

People who desecrate flags have always been looked on as "scum" for their lack of respect. But future flag burners should be thought of as patriots. They will be defending everyone's right to freedom of speech. They will have the guts to take on the Congress and overturn a bad law. They will see beyond the physical flag and will stand up for what the flag stands for.

Desecration of "any" U.S. flag is illegal. It's not a law we should be proud of, it's a law we should be scared of.

- John MacDonald



Letters

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Sympathy for Erickson

Editor:

I would like to offer my support and sympathy for Ron Erickson and the Clearwater Six. As one who was tormented by Hoover's G-men in the early 70s I can identify with your situation. The anxiety of knowing that the FBI's job is to make a case against you, prosecute you and lock you up can be overwhelming.

Subtle police state tactics like harassment and intimidation by subpoena, in order to silence plain-spoken environmentalists will once again lead to greater

suppression of popular peoples movements in America.

There is a bigger issue here than just the legal and moral implications of spiking a timber sale. It is one of intellectual and academic freedom and the right of Americans to dissent when the policies of its government are wrong, destructive or stupid. The policies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and the services complicity with the timber industry constitutes state sponsored terrorism.

If by speaking out against this madness I become an enemy of the state then dig out my file G-man because I won't be intimidated by the thought police.

Bill Bakeberg,
Missoula resident

Fight for beliefs

Editor:

Gee whiz, the nasty and mean-mouthed agents of the FBI and the Forest Service are harassing poor UM professor Ron Erickson and other UM "environ-

mentalists." Since when does the U.S. Government use fairness as a basis in their tactics of law enforcement? Try living in Chicago where the cops are real friendly and understanding.

It's time to be weaned from sprouts and shake off the smug and false idealism that fills this valley. The game has begun folks, but the rules are theirs, not yours. If you want to move to Missoula and grow a ponytail and beard and play at imitating George Hayduke, then have the guts to play the game without having to resort to thumb-sucking when the players on the other team start to get rough. Edward Abbey had enough sense to make Hayduke a meat-eating, Special Forces medic, and not an EVST student.

When Vietnam was a hot issue in the 60s (that great decade all white liberals pine for) some people had enough nerve to go to Canada, while others to prove their principles spent time in a federal prison for draft evasion. Unfortunately the rest of the moralistic draft-age citizens took the chicken-shit way out by

See "Fight," pg. 7.

Spike Lee says, 'Do the Right Thing'

This summer, while visiting my grandfather and other relatives in Switzerland (my mother is from Zurich) I went to see "Do the Right Thing," Spike Lee's controversial film about racial tensions in the New York City neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant. I'd read reviews of the film back home, and some critics feared the movie could stir up enough racial anger among its audience to start riots in some cities.

The film depicts a riot which is a reaction to the death of a black youth at the hands of the police after the youth has an altercation with an Italian pizzeria owner.

I loved Lee's first movie "She's Gotta Have It," so I decided to see the film and find out what all the fuss was about.

I liked the film... a lot.

I didn't feel Lee was exaggerating racial feelings among New Yorkers to incite controversy or to create an interesting story. I think the Howard Beach incident a couple of years ago was a sign that racism in the United States didn't go away after the civil rights accomplishments of the 60s, and that we seem to be experiencing a resurgence of racism in our larger cities.

Two days after I got home from Switzerland, Yusef Hawkins, a 16-year-old black man was shot to death in the Bensonhurst section of New York City. Hawkins was in the neighborhood shopping for a used car with some of his friends. He didn't know his white attackers. The attackers didn't have a reason to harass and terrorize him, they did it because Hawkins was black and he was in the "wrong" neighborhood. Lee's film didn't seem very far removed from reality at all. In fact, what happened to Hawkins seemed more horrible and unreal than what happened in the movie.

I was moved by Lee's film and Hawkins' death and what seems to be going on among the races now. I knew I'd probably write about it sometime. I thought if "Do the Right Thing" came to Missoula, perhaps I could express some of these things in a review of the film, or perhaps it would make for an interesting editorial on Martin Luther King Day.

But, a segment on "60 Minutes" Sunday night convinced me that this is a problem which needs to be addressed soon and should be covered by writers in great detail, not just during times when it's convenient or it "seems right" like on King's birthday or when another horrible incident like Howard Beach or Hawkins' death takes place. The segment featured a young woman, Gina Feliciano, who lives in Bensonhurst and has been threatened by her neighbors because of her friendships with blacks and Hispanics. They blame her for bringing outsiders into the neighborhood and causing conflicts. They even blame her for Hawkins' death, although she didn't know Hawkins and he wasn't in the neighborhood to see her. Rumor on the street is that there is \$100,000 contract on her life, basically because she chooses her friends based on the type of people they are rather than the color of skin they have.

Feliciano's predicament is taking place now, not in some less-enlightened time when America condoned segregation, and civil rights activists sacrificed their lives to make sure all people had the right to vote and to attend the same schools. The problem doesn't seem to be going away, no matter how much it is obscured by headlines about Zsa Zsa Gabor punching traffic cops and Billy Graham getting a star on Hollywood Blvd. It's a serious problem, let's start thinking about it.

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Limited resources should limit duplication, Koch says

By Lisa Meister
Kaimin Reporter

Montana State University and Eastern Montana College should strengthen already existing programs, rather than duplicate programs UM offers, UM President James Koch said Monday.

"If we all try to do the same thing, we will stretch our already limited resources, and that could hurt us," Koch said.

At a Board of Regents meeting in Big Fork last Thursday, Koch said he was opposed to MSU's adding masters programs in technical writing and in accounting, and to EMC's adding a masters program in administrative management.

"If we all try to do the same thing, we will stretch our already limited resources, and that could hurt us."

-James Koch

Koch said UM already offers the equivalent of a technical writing masters degree through the English department, and also a masters degree in business administration at EMC through a cooperative program. He and MSU President

William Tietz agreed to discuss the proposed addition of a masters program in accounting at a later time.

In an interview Monday, Koch suggested that MSU and EMC concentrate on programs within their "traditional roles and scopes," instead of developing new degree programs.

For example, he said, money could be invested in the engineering, nursing and architecture programs at MSU and in EMC's special education program. "My contention is that when an institution specializes in certain programs, they should work to strengthen those areas," Koch said.

Tietz and EMC President Bruce

Carpenter were out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Koch said that if duplicate programs were added at MSU and EMC, some students might decide to attend those schools instead of UM.

And since the state funds universities based on enrollment, he said, that could mean problems for UM.

"It may be the margin of accreditation for us," he said. "What I was trying to impress upon the regents (Thursday) was that the decisions they make at other institutions aren't independent of UM."

Also at the meeting Thursday, Koch disputed Tietz's suggestion that MSU be named the "lead" in-

stitution in physical sciences, math/science education and technical education.

"I wanted to point out to the board that these are things we're doing (at UM) and doing well," Koch said. "'Lead' should not mean the sole or only institution."

UM's role and scope statement gives the university "lead" status in business, the arts, humanities, social science and behavioral science.

But Koch admitted that "it's not a distinction that makes a lot of difference. But it does matter if it influences what degree programs we are allowed to continue."

The regents agreed last week to organize a subcommittee to handle that issue.

Noble says candidates may hesitate to fill athletic director position

By Lisa Meister
Kaimin Reporter

Potential candidates for UM athletic director may hesitate to apply if UM President James Koch resigns in July, the acting athletic director says.

"I'm concerned that some candidates might not want to take the risk, not knowing who the president they're going to be working for will be," Kathy Noble said.

"When people call about the position, one of the first two questions they ask is 'Is the president supportive; tell me about the president,'" Noble added.

Noble became acting director when former Athletic Director Harley Lewis accepted a job as the assistant director of championships for the NCAA in Kansas last year.

And she said that for "personal reasons," she does not want to assume the position

permanently.

A selections committee has received about 30 applications for the position, said Dean of Students Barbara Hollmann, the chairwoman of the committee. She said the committee plans to pick a director by January or February of 1990.

And she said she doesn't think that filling the position will be a problem.

Koch agreed, saying, "I'm not sure it

makes a tremendous amount of difference."

Though he has asked the athletic director to report directly to him, Koch said, the next president might not have as much contact.

However, he added, "If it became apparent we could not obtain good candidates because we're not sure who will be president, then we would cancel the search."

But "I would be surprised if that were the case," Koch said.

Wolf reintroduction proponents and opponents agree on little

By Roger Renville
for the Kaimin

Montana will not become a good home for wolves again until an effective plan is found to control wolves that eat livestock, a panel at UM agreed Friday night.

But the panel, convened by the Fourth Annual Wild Rockies Rendezvous, agreed on little else, especially on how best to control wolf predation on livestock.

According to Jerry Jack, the vice president of the Montana Stock Growers Association, the way to protect cattle and sheep is to keep wolves far away from them. Jack read a resolution similar to one passed at his organization's 1989 convention.

"Be it resolved that the Montana Stock Growers Association opposes any reintroduction or relocation of any wolves anywhere in the state of Montana or Yellowstone Park," he read.

Jack's resolution was met with jeers from the crowd of about 100 people, but he said he hadn't expected an ovation.

On the other hand, the crowd enthusiastically voiced its support for Steve Leash, an activist with the Wolf Action Group. Leash criticized any policy that does not give the wolves the greater priority.

"They're defending an exotic species, which is the cow," Leash said of government officials and ranchers, "instead of protecting the native species, the wolf."

Leash added that his organization advocates making all of western Montana a refuge for wolves and outlawing any

"We really have to focus on the species if we're going to get anywhere. It's just too difficult to focus on individual animals."

- Pat Tucker

killing of wolves under any circumstances. Leash added that livestock owners should be held more responsible for protecting their livestock, since wolves cannot be expected to know the difference between wild animals and those that are owned.

"It's the rancher's cow," he said. "Let them watch out for their own cattle."

Leash suggested that ranchers could simply chase wolves away from their stock. He said that sort of "aversion conditioning" deserves more emphasis than it has received.

Pat Tucker, a member of the National Wildlife Federation, took the middle ground in the evening's discussion. She said her group supports returning wolves to Montana, but thinks that stock-preying wolves may have to be sacrificed to make the program work.

"We really have to focus on the species if we're going to get anywhere," she said. "It's just too difficult to focus on

individual animals."

"Wolves do kill livestock. Few ranchers will suffer depredations, but, for those who do, the losses can be significant."

Tucker said that only by promising ranchers that their stock will be protected can the wolf recovery program work.

"We think that control is essential to wolf recovery," she said.

But the pro-control argument seemed to lose support with the crowd as Ed Bangs, a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, described a recent "control action" that he attempted near Marion, Mont.

The "Marion Debacle," as Bangs called it, began last spring when ranchers near the northern Montana town reported cattle killings they blamed on wolves. Since the Fish and Wildlife's position is to protect both wolves and livestock, Bangs said, he went to the area in September to catch the wolves and move them to Glacier National Park.

But, though he was finally able to trap two adult wolves and two pups, both pups died within days of their release, Bangs said. The adult male had to be shot shortly after it was released because of an injury sustained while in its trap, Bangs said. He couldn't trap a third pup that was left near Marion, and that pup probably died too, he said.

Only the adult female is known to have survived the relocation, Bangs said.

His agency is still committed to a wolf recovery plan that includes killing or relocating problem wolves, but is trying to learn from the mistakes made in the September incident, Bangs said.

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Baltimore's mayor says drug war needs new strategy

By Bob LaCasse
Kaimin Reporter

America is wasting millions of dollars on a drug war that will not work in the inner cities where the problem hits hardest, Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke said Monday evening.

Decriminalization may not be the answer, he told about 100 people in the Montana Theater, but in the face of current failing policies, the option should at least be discussed.

"My notion is not drugs on every corner," he said, but "conventional wisdom on drugs has to be challenged in the arena of ideas."

If the United States were fighting a military war that was failing as badly as the drug war is, he said, "we'd have a new strategy and we'd also want new generals," he said.

"I think we're big enough as a country to say when things are not working right."

Schmoke, who also gave a press conference in the UMLaw School's Pope Room, was the first speaker for this year's President Lecture Series. Before becoming mayor,

Schmoke was a member of the domestic policy staff under Jimmy Carter and served as an assistant U.S. attorney for narcotics and white collar crime.

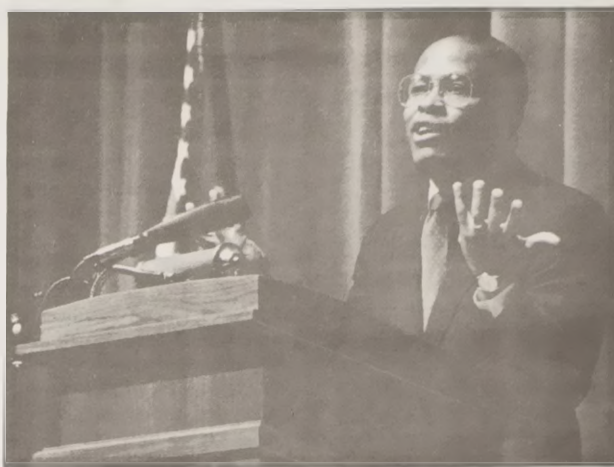
He said President George Bush will meet his goal of reducing drug use by 10 percent in suburban and rural areas, but the gang-structured distribution systems in major urban areas like Baltimore must be attacked by eliminating the lure of "big money" that is pulling America's youth out of school.

"I want to cut off that option for them," he said.

Schmoke said the emphasis, along with the resources, for the drug war needs to be shifted from a criminal problem to a public health problem.

The United States needs to look at drug users as "patients to be treated, rather than criminals to be incarcerated," he said.

Schmoke said in his speech titled "Public Education and Drug Abuse: A National Security issue for the 1990s" that Bush's plan will work because he is targeting casual users who can see other options and opportunities.



KURT SCHMOKE

The drug problem is not only a question of lower crime and better health, he said, but also a question of a "broader justice." Americans should ask themselves whether it is just to have the country's most educationally and economically disadvantaged "bear the burden of incarceration and drugs," he said.

Schmoke said the country's current alcohol and nicotine problems

provide precedents, and his plan hinges on the connection between these drugs and illegal ones. No "persuasive rational" exists for the prohibition of marijuana, he said, when no extensive evidence has been found which suggests that its use poses a threat to health. Three hundred and fifty thousand deaths a year result from nicotine abuse, he said.

Alcohol prohibition during the 1920s provides a valuable lesson of what not to do, he said. Decriminalization must be accompanied by extensive education on the ill effects of drug use, he said, unlike during the after-math of alcohol prohibition, where the country abandoned the cause.

"We went 180 degrees from: 'This is illegal,' to: 'Not only is it legal, but it's good and it's necessary,'" he said.

Schmoke's plan provides for a commission to evaluate and regulate the availability of drugs based on a factor of health risks. Some drugs like PCP and crack should never be legalized, he said, because there is no medical reasons for their existence.

He rejected the idea of complete legalization, where all manner of drugs would be available and taxed to fund treatment clinics.

Schmoke said the connection between the spread of AIDS and drug use got him started in looking for an alternative battle plan. He said allowing doctors to administer clean needles would help stop the disease.

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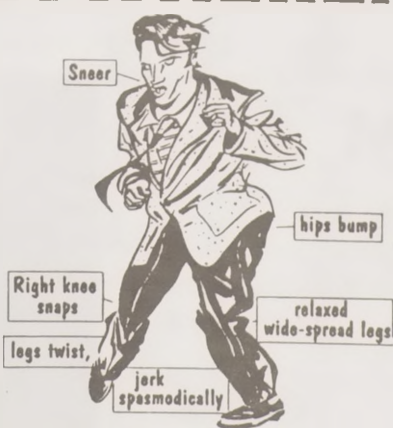
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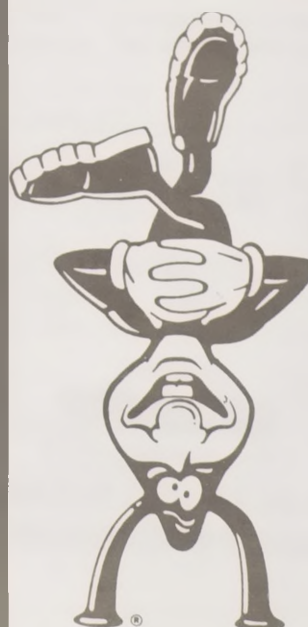
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Paraplegic overcomes life's obstacles

By Christian Murdock
Kaimin Reporter

On a frosty November morning almost seven years ago, Larry

Watson caught a ride to high school with his sister because his car was in the shop.

The ride changed Larry's life forever.

On a state highway outside Victor, the car hit black ice and Larry's sister lost control. Larry, who wasn't wearing a seat belt, spent the next four months in the hospital before returning home to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair as a paraplegic.

Before the accident, Larry, then 17, was a state champion in boxing, a high school letterman in tennis, track and football and had been offered athletic scholarships from colleges.

"I wouldn't give that first year in a chair to anyone," Larry said. "My whole life was changed. I lost all my self-confidence."

Larry, now 24, said he spent most of the first year asking "What if?" and "Why me?"

Then, a year after the accident, he broke up with his girlfriend and moved, by himself, to Hawaii.

"It was the best thing that ever happened to me; it got me out of the self-pity mode," he said.

"I got away from the people who knew me and I met new people who knew me for what I was, not what I was before."

"Some of my old friends couldn't relate," he said adding that they had a hard time coping with his disability.

"The friends I met after the accident are the best friends I have," Larry said.

Larry also gained back his self-confidence while in Hawaii and began to date again.

"The more I dated the more confidence I gained in myself," he said.

I thought a girl would never

"No one promised me anything when I came into this life. You must work with the hand that is dealt you."

-Larry Watson

date me because I was in a chair, Larry said. Larry is now engaged to Carrie Schlaht, who is not in a wheelchair, and they plan to marry after he finishes school.

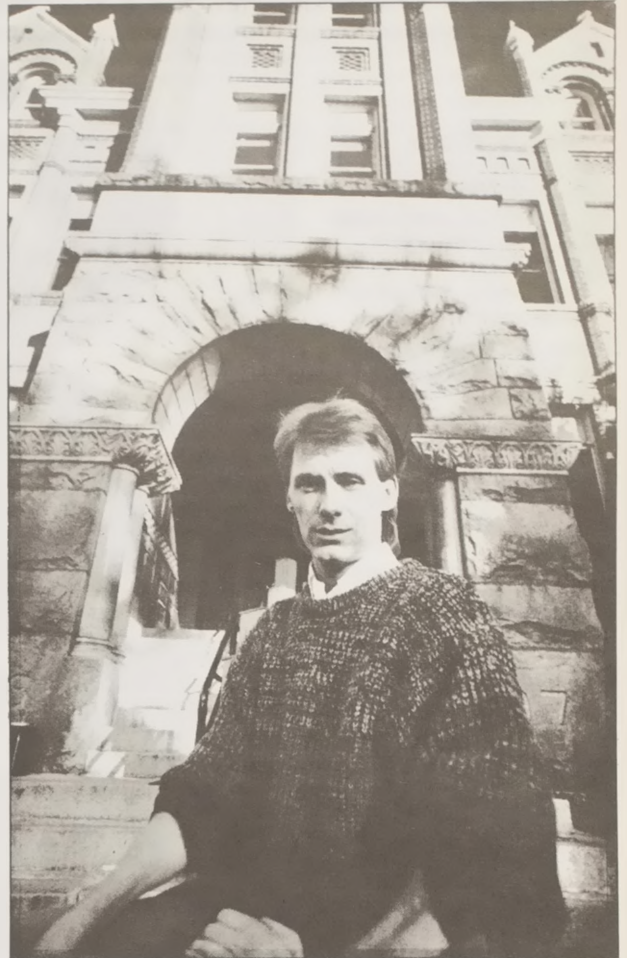
He met Carrie after he moved back to Montana in 1985 and started working as the director and coordinator of the disability group Mountain Dog.

Mountain Dog is a disabled outdoor group that strives to get disabled people involved in outdoor activities.

In 1987, Larry left Mountain Dog and started at UM. He wanted to become a social worker to fight for the rights of all disabled people.

"I am a whole different person than before (the accident)," he said.

"No one promised me any-



LARRY WATSON

thing when I came into this life. You must work with the hand that

is dealt you."

Larry said he's tired of having to apologize to people for his disability.

"I don't want to be taken care of and I am not looking for their sympathy; I want their respect," he said. "The chair is not hindering me, but people's attitudes are."

Larry said his biggest problem is that "people see my disabilities and not my abilities. I have as much to offer as anyone else."

"A lot of people look at a guy in a chair and think they are limited mentally also," he said. "I am not unhealthy; my legs just don't work."

Larry, who is also the president of UM's disability students group, now plans to attend law school to become a civil rights lawyer. He will graduate with a degree in business administration this summer after only three years in college.

Larry switched his major to business after deciding that a business degree coupled with a law degree will probably make his fight for civil rights easier.

Everyone has disabilities, he said, some people are good athletes, but they can't earn good grades in school while others can earn good grades, but aren't athletes.

"I can't walk, but I can go to law school because of my G.P.A.," he said.

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RACISM ON CAMPUS

By Roger Renville
Kaimin Reporter

"Not to be offensive . . . , but the first time I came up here some of the white folks acted like they'd never seen a black person before," says UM freshman Major Whitlock.

"And some of them hadn't," responds one of Whitlock's friends. The four black students who met in the Mansfield Library to be interviewed broke into laughter before going on.

"Some of the freshmen coming in," senior Ossie Young said, "the only time they've seen a black person is on television. That's the way it is."

And at UM, that may well be the way it is. Many students hail from small Northwestern towns with few, if any, blacks. And their chances of meeting black peers are not helped much by going to UM; of the more than 9,000 students enrolled this quarter, only about 40 are black.

In a series of interviews and conversations, 10 of those 40 students, almost all of whom are from out of state, shared their views of the racial attitudes they've encountered.

They agreed that, with a few exceptions, they have been treated very well, especially by UM students. Racism directed at blacks, they said, is almost unnoticeable at UM.

But most of the students interviewed also told of seeing an ugly aspect of racism that was new to them. Time and again, they told of seeing racism directed at American Indians.

Most said they were pleasantly surprised at the warmth and friendliness that greeted them when they arrived in Montana.

"I haven't had any problems so far," said Don Graves, a sophomore from Newark, Calif., in his first year at UM.

Like almost all of the black men at the university, Graves is attending on an athletic scholarship. Graves said his first impression of the school came from two friends, both black, who were already enrolled when he was being recruited by the athletic department.

"I asked them how it was and I got nothing but positive feedback," he said. "That's one of the reasons I came out here."

Graves said he asked his friends specifically about racial attitudes:

"You're going to ask those tough questions," he said, "because you want to know; are they prejudiced out there?"

Galen Lawton, a black junior in economics and Graves' roommate, told of an incident of racism that was the exception to the rule.

"Portland State came down when the Grizzlies played them," Lawton said, "and some of (Portland's black players) were hanging out somewhere downtown. A car drove by and called them 'niggers.' They related that to Bryce Batchan (a black UM student) and Bryce said he was surprised because that has never



UM STUDENTS (counterclockwise from the top left) Mikael Collins, Galen Lawton, Shevon Leigh and Don Graves make up 10 percent of the black population on campus. The students say they've seen racism at UM, but it has been directed at American Indians and not at the black population.

Photo by Patricia Abonnie

happened to him since he's been out here."

Similarly, Young, who is from Kansas City, recalled a few infrequent incidents.

"Students here are not racist, or at least they don't show it," Young said. "Mostly it's the older people, like parents, whom you get some kind of reaction from, such as when you go out with their daughters."

Everybody's really been too scared to say anything," joked Young, who carries 208 pounds

on a 6-foot-6-inch frame. "I mean, I've had a car drive by . . . and yell out remarks or something, but they sped up when they said it."

But, as with Lawton, Young said those incidents are overshadowed by the more common welcome he receives from most people.

"It shocked me to see how nice people were and how well they treated you," he said. "It was just different."

"You can tell the difference

between up here and back home," said Whitlock, who is from Los Angeles.

He said people here are not blind to racism, but that they don't have racist attitudes.

"They really haven't been brought up to it because blacks are not in abundance up here," he said.

A different kind of racism

But the difference between Montana and "back home" may

be only the difference between black and red.

"The only racism I've heard here is about how they hate the Indians," Young said. "In Kansas, where I'm from, you never hear any racism, any remarks about Indians. I didn't hear it until I came up here. I've met people here who just hate Indians. And they have no reason, but they say they get everything free. That's all I hear, that they get their

See "Racism," pg. 12.

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Fight

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having mommy and daddy get them into college where deferments were waiting for them.

Principles are easy to wave around; it's an entirely different thing to have to face the pressure that accompanies them without having to whine about it. When the fool that sent the letter to the Forest Service after spiking the tree found the FBI was now interested in his or her actions, what did they expect was going to happen?

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Jay Bridge
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Editor:

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Kin-ming Liu
junior, philosophy and liberal arts

Parking solution

Editor:

I present this as an open letter to the university administration and in particular to the committee of men and women who have responsibility

for the parking here on campus.

I have read in this paper continuing plans to expand parking facilities on campus. These plans include the possible destruction of the house at the corner of Arthur and Beckwith and the concomitant paving over of a wide expanse of grass with asphalt.

I applaud your desire to make access to the university easier for all parties involved: faculty, staff, commuting students and those in on-campus housing. However, I disagree strongly with the methods you have chosen to implement this expansion. The solution is not to pave over all the grass but to curb the congestion at its source. Instead of following a carte blanche parking policy, restrict parking on campus to an "as needed" basis.

"As needed" would include all faculty, staff and students who live off-campus and commute and those on-campus students who can demonstrate a need, as in the case of working. Additional parking facilities are adequate at the old stadium grounds -- a short walk from campus. In my own situation, I walk or bike two miles down the Rattlesnake to campus and occasionally drive with my wife.

I do not offer this suggestion in a heartless manner but to bring at-

tention to the possibilities available. In other universities that I have attended, parking for on-campus students is either restricted to juniors and seniors on a pay-as-you-go basis, or is relegated to the farthest reaches of the campus with students assigned the lowest priority.

Instead of destroying the natural beauty we have on campus with hard asphalt to our common detriment, let us preserve what we have for future generations of students and community.

Stephen R. Miller
second year, law

Macho crap

Editor:

Kelly Schieno's editorial of Oct. 13 was, to say the very least, interesting. Entitled "Noriega should be brought to justice," I was enticed and hoped to read an interesting viewpoint on Noriega. And after wading through a lengthy recap of Noriega's history, I remained hopeful and anxious Mr. Schieno would develop an intellectual conclusion. The conclusion I read smacked of nothing but provincial macho crap! First you spurned the United States

for withholding aid to the rebels and how America should play a more active role in ousting Manuel Noriega. Bravo! I applauded you that far. Then you supported Panama's need for democracy and the removal of the psychopath for his crimes. However, having a Panamanian sharpshooter "take out" Noriega with hollowpoints is your answer? Let's just forget negotiations, economic sanctions, the OAS, and justice and blow the poor fool away? But let a Panamanian pull the trigger, right? I can tell you're learning a lot, Mr. Schieno.

Peter E. Klein
graduate, interpersonal communications

Misunderstood fundamentals

Editor:

It appears that Anna Tucker, according to her Oct. 12 letter, misunderstands the fundamentals of the Right-to-Life movement. This convention of minds and mouths does not merely endeavor to disassemble the multitudes of wooden structures we call "abortion clinics." Nor does Right-to-Life attempt to "fanatically" combat the introduction of RU-486 (abortion pill) without paying heed to the ramifications of their actions. Rather, this movement seeks to undermine the school of thought which pervades our society and falsely calls itself "freedom." This organization opposes the line of thinking which not only conveys contempt for the importance of procreation and the beauty of its products, but pacifies our moral obligation to account for our actions. It should be obvious that in the face of an inconclusive issue of this magnitude, this national organization's actions are scrutinously considered.

Sadly, many people on the opposing side of the issue believe that they can concoct a "quick and dirty" solution that will dissolve the pith of the Right-to-Life movement. So See "Fundamentals," pg. 8.

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Read the Kaimin

Fundamentals

from page 7.

please afford this side of the issue due courtesy and swallow your petty attempts to defame it.

David P. Ozmon
junior, zoology

Wrong time to leave

Editor:

Sitting in the president's press conference, I asked myself, "What's wrong with this picture?" The man in front of the room is announcing a great opportunity for personal advancement, earning more money, and participating in improving Old Dominion University.

Then it struck me, "The whole picture is somewhat skewed and slanted." This announcement is merely another indication of the president's "let them eat cake" attitude toward the university. Since his tenure began, the administration has: killed off the CSD program despite the program's long-range obligations; begun charging Auxiliary Services clients to pay off the stadium bonds (despite a previous administration's promise that student funds wouldn't go to that purpose); and now he announces his intent to leave shortly before the 52nd Legislative Session. If the last two sessions are any indication, experience and unity here are the only way to defend what we now have. While his leaving means the chaos of an interim search and a time-lag until the new administration can enact changes, his staying means we will see more of the same management style. Either way, it'll be tough sledding for UM.

Speeches on commitment to the future of UM are one thing, actions are another; we can see that now. Grandpa said, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going." Funny, "the opportunistic hit the road, and leave the mess for others" seems more appropriate this time.

Todd Riesen
graduate, M.P.A.

Slow system

Editor:

It is out of frustration with the financial aid system that I am writing to you. I have found their system to be blatantly slow and greatly delinquent in their duties. I am beginning to wonder if they don't employ a bunch of incompetent derelicts. I know this sounds harsh but it is not an unfounded representation.

Let me give a brief description of my situation that preceded my financial aid denial. My father had to support a wife and three children on a meek truck driver's salary. When I entered high school, I was required to obtain a paper boy job in order to help support our family. I graduated from high school and was compelled to obtain a full-time job, so as to continue the support my family needed. I did manage to save a little money for school.

I was finally able to leave my job and enter college at age 23. My problems really began when I applied for financial aid. I was denied because, as I was told, I had ascer-

tained an enormous salary of \$5 an hour. Look out Donald Trump! I then proceeded to file a Special Condition form, stating that I had left my job. I was continually given lame excuses as to why my financial aid was taking so long. It wasn't until third quarter that I was awarded my financial aid and by this time all of my savings were depleted.

I returned to Helena where I sought a summer job and waited for another response from financial aid. I was given repetitive reasons as to why it was taking so long. As the end of summer break began to appear, I was forced to take a day off from work and travel as far as Missoula to ascertain a decision as to my status. I was given absurd explanations from rude, impatient clerks. I continued to wait patiently when a response finally arrived and again I was denied on the basis that the job I held two years ago paid too much. I filed another special condition form. I am still waiting for a response, after continual visits to the financial aid office.

I am hoping that after reading this article, more students will realize that this type of action by financial aid is unacceptable. If enough students are compelled to stand up

for their rights, maybe the system can be reformed.

Isn't it bad enough that those students who really need the financial assistance cannot receive it, but also are forced to wait for a reply? How do these people justify their poor reasoning?

John Ross
sophomore, business administration

Logo worth money

Editor:

In response to Marlene Mehlhaff's Opinion column (Sept. 29), stating her displeasure with the new university logo:

The university encompasses a diversity of departments, services and organizations each of which has its own goals and philosophy, yet the commonality of affiliation with the university. It was necessary to form a logo committee to receive input from this diverse population. The committee members volunteered their time, usually

meeting during noon, and many members solicited opinions from staff and students as the work progressed.

The cost of the logo, \$1,200, included design composition, determination of design suitability for all UM components (which accounts for the logo's simplistic nature), formatting use (which includes developing a stationery, envelopes, business cards and color combinations), composition of a graphics standards manual (which determines how the logo should and should not be used) and ongoing consultation concerning implementation for different UM offices. Broken down into an hourly wage, the artists have probably received less than the standard for professional graphic artists. The university cost, over the two-year period, works out to approximately \$50 per month.

Once the decision had been made to actually invest in a new logo (which accounts for numerous meetings during the first year) the committee had to solicit designs, hire the artists, and work with them to arrive at a final design. Committee work is time-consuming but generally worth it.

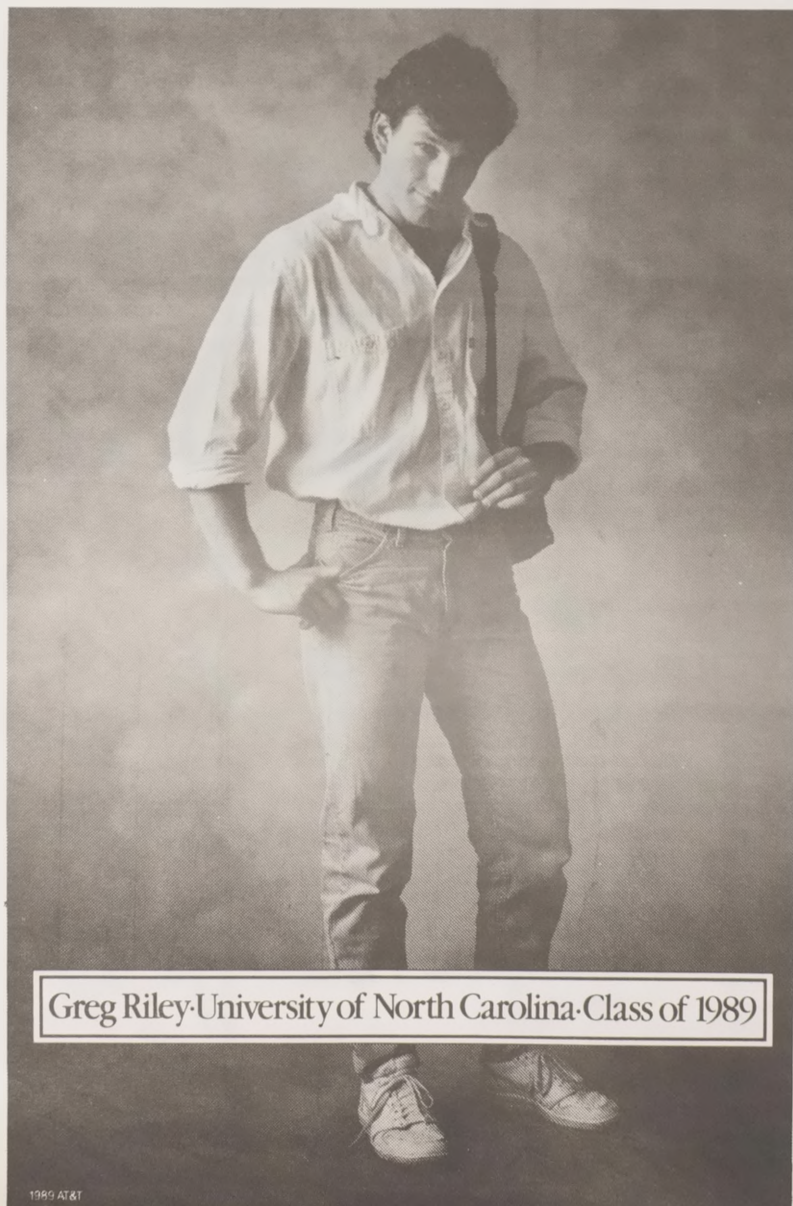
When an institution is experiencing financial difficulties, it must examine the situation and take steps towards resolution. In marketing, the product must be upgraded and given a professional image. The new logo enables the university to present a unified, professional look to the public. In a move to improve a bad financial situation, it is common and prudent first step well worth the money and effort.

Ms. Mehlhaff contended that a suitable logo could have been created through a contest wherein "starving students" could have been rewarded with a "\$100 gift certificate to the bookstore." This job required the professional input and skill in creating the new logo. A logo "whipped up . . . in about 10 minutes" would have not only reflected that time commitment but also the lack of professionalism.

As professional graphic artists, we feel the time and money was well spent by the UM Logo Committee and artists Kirk Johnson and Nancy Seiler.

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Quick start lifts UM over UNR, 40-22

By Frank Field
Sports Editor

With an uncharacteristically fast start, the Montana Grizzlies beat the Nevada-Reno Wolf Pack Saturday 40-22 at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

In previous games this year, the Griz have started out slow and come on strong in second-half action.

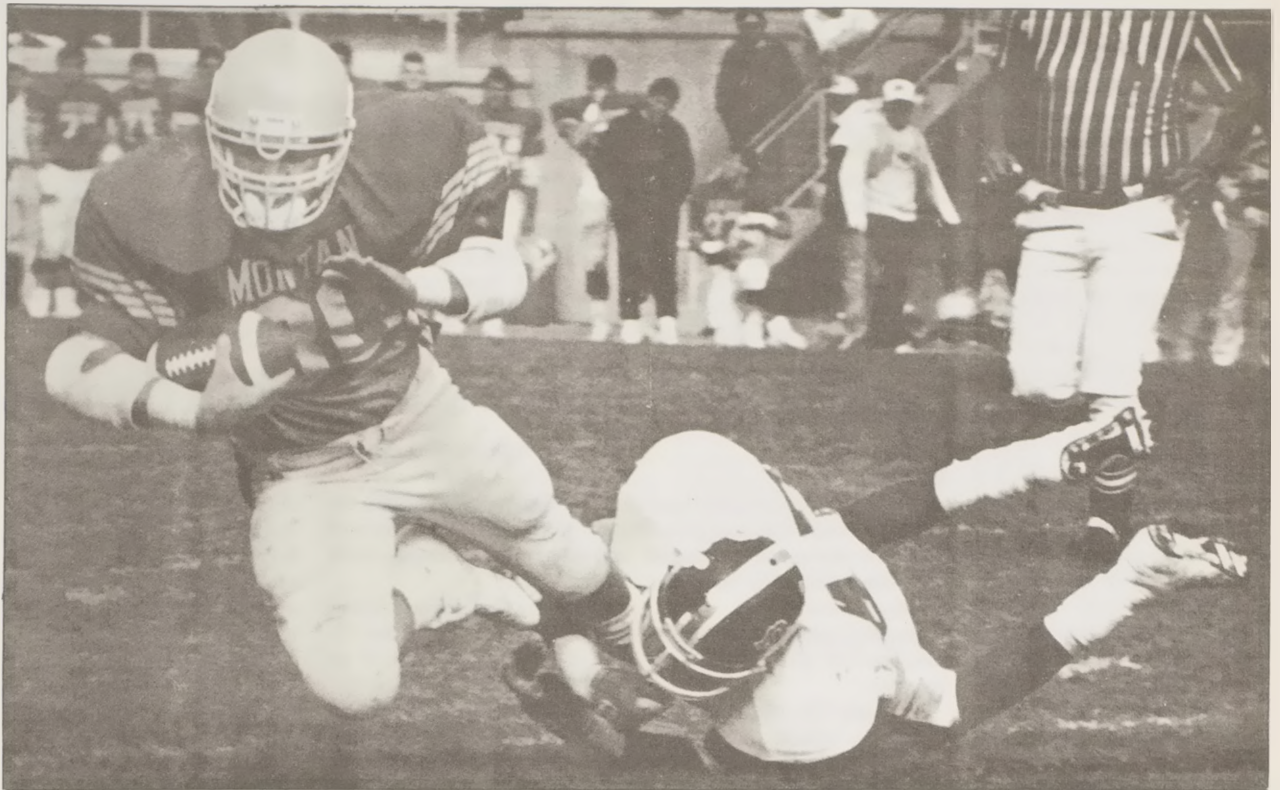
"Every game we try to get going fast, but we hadn't been doing that until Saturday," said Head Coach Don Read.

Less than three minutes after the Griz kicked off, UM's Tim Hauck blocked a Wolf Pack punt that Kevin Morris grabbed on UNR's 13-yard line. Two plays later quarterback Grady Bennett hit Mike Trevathan for a touchdown and Kirk Duce kicked the extra point.

Hauck's outstanding play earned him defensive player of the week honors for the second consecutive week, said Read. Hauck had seven unassisted tackles and was in on four others, two interceptions and a blocked punt.

Montana scored three times more in the first quarter using Jody Farmer as the vehicle of attack. Farmer had 23 and 7-yard runs, and caught a 5-yard Bennett pass. Duce successfully kicked all three extra points.

UNR's only first-half touchdown came on a run by Ray Whalen.



A WOLF PACK GRIDDER trips Grizzly Jody Farmer during UM's 40-22 win Saturday. Farmer ran for two touchdowns in the home game and caught a pass thrown by Grady Bennett for a third.

Photo by Christian Murdock

Read said it was "really good for us to get off to a fast start because it enabled us to coast" later in the game.

"You hate to get into a shootout with a team like that because they

have a lot of weapons," he said.

But Reno came into the game without wingback Kevin Claiborne, and lost another receiver during the game which limited their offensive attack. Although it seemed that the

UM defense was the dominating force, the offense got its licks in, too. "The offense played well in streaks," said Read. "The early drives were short, but they were good."

In the second half, the Wolf Pack made things interesting by scoring on touchdown passes of 71 and 98 yards. But a field goal, a safety and another touchdown kept UM well ahead of UNR's pace.



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Morris, Nicol lead harriers to win

David Morris and Shelly Nicol led the UM Cross Country teams to success Saturday at the University of Idaho Invitational.

The Griz scored 30 points, placing four runners in the top ten. Morris won the race in 25:34, ahead of Boise State's second-place finisher, Robin Card, by 13 seconds.

UM's Paul Marron finished fourth with 26:17, only .6 seconds ahead of teammate Clint Morrison. Leif Larsen grabbed seventh place for the Griz with a time of 26:22. And Ray Hunt rounded out UM's scoring runners taking 13th in 26:47.

Nicol finished the women's race in 19:22.7, taking third place and leading her team to a 46 point finish. Close behind her was Lynda Rudolph who took fifth in 19:25.8. Denali Henderson took ninth with a time of 19:42.9, and Michelle Barrier took 13th in 20:03.5. Rozanne Jantz completed the Lady Griz scoring with a 19th place finish in 20:49.3.

Jesters challenge Maggots tonight

The Jesters Rugby Union battles the Missoula Maggots Rugby club for the first time this season today at 5 p.m. at Playfair Field, behind Sentinel High School.

Jesters assistant coach Les Edye said it should be a good match even though the team hasn't beaten the rival Missoula club in "several years."

"We've fielded a strong team this year," Edye said. "A lot stronger than a couple of years ago." Edye said the team's outstanding player is second row scrum Scott Loken and expects a good match from him.

The Jesters are currently 2-2 for the season.

Injury to sideline freshman hoopster

By Matt B. Walen
Sports Reporter

Freshman Grizzly basketball player Major Whitlock injured his right forearm Friday night and will be out for four to seven weeks, assistant coach Blaine Taylor said yesterday.

Whitlock apparently tried to "scare" his roommate by knocking on their window, Taylor said, and slipped on the wet grass. The 6-foot 1-inch 185 pound guard fell through the window, he said, shattering the glass with his left hand and tried to

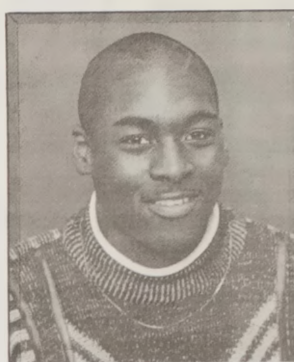
catch himself with his right.

Whitlock's left hand recieved only a "small cut," Taylor said, "but his right hand and forearm sustained serious tendon damage and arterial cuts."

The team flew in a surgical specialist to operate on Whitlock's right arm, he said.

The freshman guard is ambidextrous, he said, but he usually shoots right-handed.

Whitlock lost a lot of blood in the accident, Taylor said, but he was out of the hospital within two days with a cast on, and they expect



MAJOR WHITLOCK

a full recovery within seven weeks.

"We had a practice at seven this morning and he was there," he said. "The amount of support he recieved from his teammates was incredible."

The injury pushes back his chances of playing this year, Taylor said, adding that the coaching staff doesn't like to make red-shirt decisions until after the first game.

Whitlock was a good student at Nocal High School in West Covina, Calif., he said, and that the missed practice time will allow him to "focus on school."

Lady Griz spikers set records despite losses

By Matt B. Walen
Sports Reporter

The Lady Griz volleyball team dropped two out of three road games but set two new school records last week, head coach Dick Scott said Monday afternoon.

Big Sky Conference leader Boise State beat UM 15-17, 8-15, 13-15 Thursday.

The Lady Griz tried to bounce back Friday night in a non-conference game against Brigham Young

University but lost in three matches 12-15, 8-15, 13-15.

"We had our backs against the wall," Scott said. "We had to have and did have an outstanding game against Weber."

The Lady Griz defeated Weber State in a long five-match game 13-15, 15-11, 15-4, 15-17, 15-9 on Saturday.

Not only did the Lady Griz boost its 7-3 conference and 12-8 overall records, but had two individuals set

new school records.

Outside hitter Jennifer Moran broke the old single-game record for kills by 10 with a total of 40 and had a .443 hitting percentage. The 6-foot freshman was also UM's nominee for athlete of the week, Scott said.

Sophomore setter Ann Schwenke set the new single-game assist record with 98, breaking the old record by 18 assists.

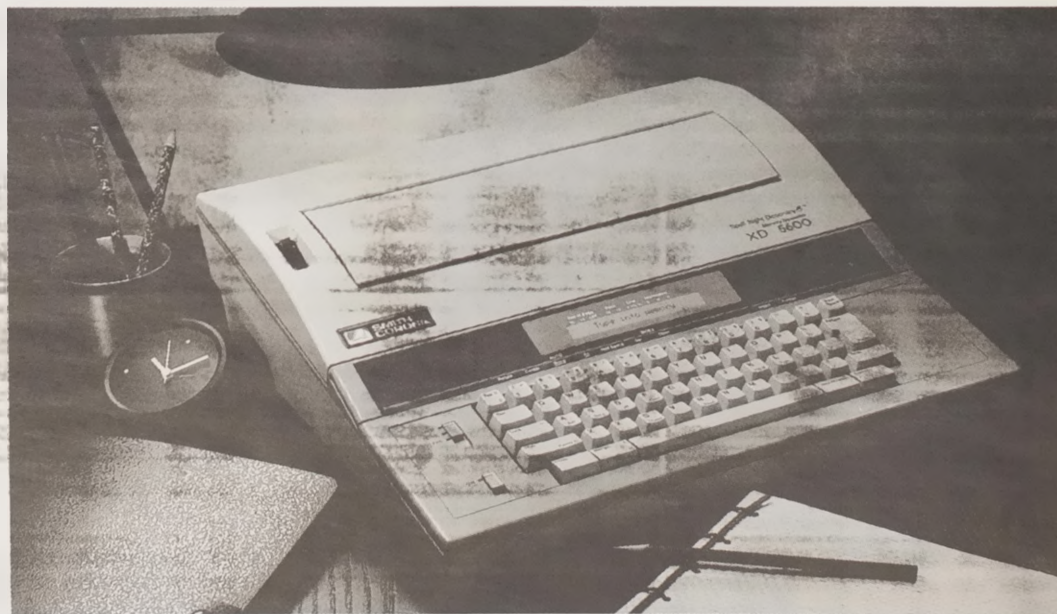
The Lady Griz have two home

conference games left and both are this weekend. UM play's Northern Arizona on Friday and Nevada-Reno on Saturday. Both games start at 7:30 p.m. in Dahlberg Arena.

UM is still in the race for one of the four conference playoff spots, Scott said. The Lady Griz are currently in third place behind Boise State and Eastern Washington and have "a slight chance to win the conference," he said. "Obviously, we have to have a lot of help."

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SOFT MORNING SUNLIGHT and bright yellow leaves make this tree a perfect place for sophomore Stephen Swanger to finish studying for an economics test.

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Easton

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personal support to Easton.

"He has an intimate knowledge of the people at UM, a close understanding of its problems, and he is very sympathetic to the needs of the institution," he said.

Norman added that he is not interested in the position.

"We've got too many good

things going on (in Butte)," he said.

UM Provost Don Habbe, who has been at UM for 12 years, also said he does not plan to apply for the position.

"I've done the job twice as acting president, so I have a sense of what it's like," he said. "I have my hands full with my current position."

Habbe recommended that the

board conduct a national search.

Northern Montana College President Frank Kerins echoed that sentiment, and he said he also would not apply for the position, as he is "working toward retirement."

Montana State University President William Tietz and Eastern Montana College President Bruce Carpenter were out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Racism

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schooling and their housing and all that stuff free.

"They say it's because they tear up the land . . . and the schools," Young said. "And then (they say) the drunken Indians come to town and they'll be staggering all over the street."

Lawton said he has heard similar talk, and related an incident that happened in his dorm last year:

"There was this Indian guy sitting and watching the game. And everybody on my floor, they were saying like, 'see that Indian guy over there?' And they were, like, afraid of him. They talk about how they drink and want to cause violence. I've heard people talk about how they act on their (reservations) and how they don't take care of their kids.

"That upsets me, you know," Lawton said. "It's just something

I've noticed since I've been out here. I've talked to people about it and they say 'oh, people aren't prejudiced against Indians.' They're not trying to be prejudiced, they're just voicing . . . their opinions, and their opinions always have stereotypes in them."

Some of the other black students said racist comments directed at Indians bothered them, too. Whitlock remembered how he felt when he overheard a student in the cafeteria talking about some Indian students who were across the room.

"That's the kind of tone I'm used to hearing about blacks back home," he said.

"They could be the same way with blacks," Young said, "they just wouldn't say it to our faces."

Two other students' comments are typical of the mixture of trust and doubt that the black students said they felt about racial attitudes at UM and in Montana.

Sharon Leigh, a freshman from Minnesota, said she sometimes wonders at the good treatment she

receives.

"It's hard for me to really know their true feelings," she said, "or how one is being accepted if they are black on this campus. I sometimes feel that because there are so few, it's something that is tolerated. Maybe if there were all of a sudden 5,000 black students on campus, it would be a different story. I don't know."

But Mikael Collins, a senior from Florida, told of the event that won his trust.

"My parents came to visit during one of my games and they were surprised the same way I was," Collins said. "They were thinking they would find prejudice and open racism. The people here, though, just swept them off their feet."

He said his mother, in particular, liked the atmosphere.

"She just couldn't believe it," he said. "And to this day, she says she is going to come back here to live, or just to buy a house to come back to and visit or something."

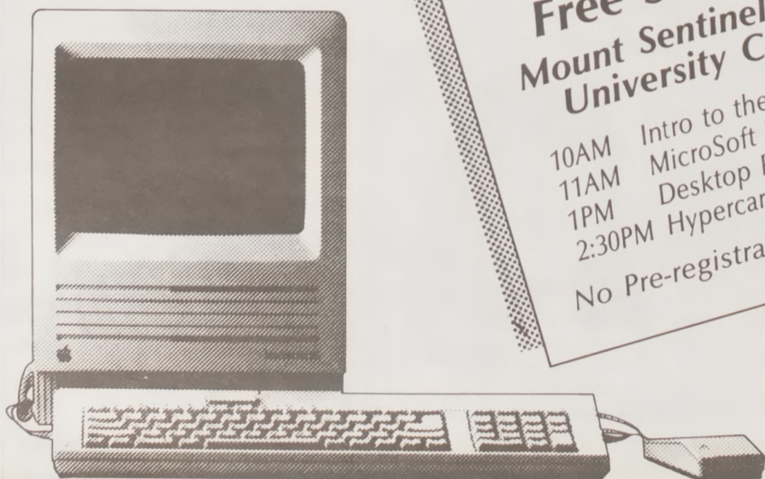


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